

STAY ALERT!

Be ready to fight against war in West Asia

June 24 — In the last few weeks there have been:

- Israeli aggression against Iran even as Israel carried out genocide in Gaza.
- An Iranian defensive response that hit targets in Israel that were never hit before.
- A sneak U.S. attack on nuclear development sites in Iran with “bunker-buster” bombs, breaking up negotiations between the U.S. and Iran.
- As of June 24, a “cease-fire” between Iran and Israel that the Israeli aggressors have already broken.

The anti-war forces in the U.S. — and around the world — must have no confidence in either the U.S. or Israeli war criminals, nor in the NATO summit meeting in Europe this week. Washington especially has proven its duplicity time and time again.

Working-class forces must continue to call for:

- End the U.S.-funded and -armed war on the Palestinian people!
- No assassinations, no sanctions, no bombing of Iran!
- Full solidarity with Palestine and Iran — resisting U.S. imperialist domination is a right!

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Boston, June 21, 2025

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pay for it. Wages are lower than ever,
and youth are saddled with seemingly
insurmountable student debt, if they
even make it to college. Black, Brown
and Indigenous youth and trans people

are gunned down by cops and bigots on
a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks
to wipe out decades of gains and benefits
won by hard-fought struggles by people's
movements. The super-rich and their
political representatives have intensified
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and challenge — the capitalist system.

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WW STATEMENT

Shifting gears on Iran – U.S. war continues

Stay Alert! U.S./Israeli war on Iran and decades of U.S. sanctions, sabotage and encirclement continue. Genocidal Israeli attacks in Gaza escalate.

Iran has succeeded in defending itself from planned U.S./Israeli destruction!

The surprise, unprovoked, massive Israeli bombing campaign on Iran, begun on June 13, killed Iran's top military commanders and scientists. President Donald Trump claimed credit. He publicly stated he had lured Iran into negotiations in order to carry out the surprise attack.

Despite the U.S. and Israel's hopes, Iran did not collapse. Iran had developed the technical/military capability to respond with devastating attacks on Israel.

The whole Iranian nation rallied and was able to hit back in self defense. Iran's missiles and drones succeeded in breaking through Israel's "Iron Dome."

The world cheered as Israel faced attacks it had never experienced. Key military installations were hit including the Ministry of Defense and a weapons research center, along

with major energy and fuel centers in Haifa.

Desperate to reverse the crisis facing its vicious proxy state, the U.S. military directly intervened on June 21. The Air Force and the Navy bombed three centers where Iran had small nuclear energy facilities. This bombing also failed; the nuclear materials had already been removed.

The Trump administration once again confirmed, with the whole world watching, that U.S. imperialism is duplicitous in every announcement and every negotiation.

This U.S./Israeli attack was a desperate effort to break the Axis of Resistance. It failed! It was an effort to break apart the growing unity of the Global South and weaken the impact of BRICS. Instead, unity was reinforced!

The attack on Iran is only one stage in U.S. imperialism's continuing war for domination in West Asia. This is a protracted war where U.S. imperialism is steadily losing ground, politically, economically and now finally even on the military front. Its monstrous military machine is challenged.

Last night Trump ordered a ceasefire. This is not an end to U.S. wars in West Asia.

What do we do even if this "ceasefire" holds?

Where actions are already planned for the coming week, organizers should figure out what kind of speakout, street meeting or rally is still possible denouncing the continuing attacks on Palestine and the decades of U.S. sanctions and attacks on Iran.

Let's reinforce the unity of action that is emerging.

Now is the time to continue saying:

- End the U.S.-funded Israeli war on Palestine!
- End the decades of U.S. sanctions, assassinations and threats on Iran!
- Full solidarity with Iran and Palestine Resistance!
- It is right to resist U.S. imperialism! ☐

Hands off Iran, Palestine, and West Asia

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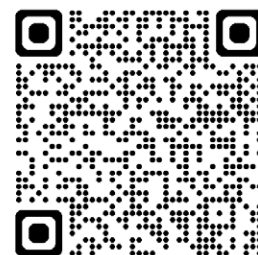
We call on all peoples of conscience throughout the world to take to the streets and march against the expansion of the Zionist-U.S. aggression from Palestine through Lebanon, Syria and Yemen to Iran. For 20 months the people of Palestine have been steadfast against the collective West's genocide of their people and theft of their land. In the face of a firm resistance, the U.S. and the Zionists had no choice but to expand the war into Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and now Iran. [\[read more: tinyurl.com/endorse628\]](https://tinyurl.com/endorse628)

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Why Workers World defends Iran

Why is it important for the worldwide movement to defend Iran? Is it because this country of 92 million people was recently bombed by the U.S.-backed Zionist regime of Israel on June 12, followed by the bombing of its three nuclear reactors by the Pentagon on June 22? Is it because Iran has had a decades long, consistent history of supporting, both in word and deed, the heroic Palestinian people resisting the fascist, apartheid occupation of their land and resources?

All of these reasons and more are but the tip of the iceberg in answering this fundamental question.

The material basis for defending Iran is not that its leadership is perfect in terms of all its policies; much of what is happening in Iran is rooted in its historical oppression first by British and then U.S. imperialism. Since the world is still dominated by a parasitical, profit-hungry, war-driven imperialist system, it is not surprising that no government is perfect.

The basis for WW's defense is that the Iranian people carried out an earth-shattering, anti-colonial revolution that began in the late 1970s and finally in February of 1979 swept away the brutal monarchical rule of Shah Reza Pahlavi, himself a client

of U.S. imperialism put into power by the CIA in 1953.

That the clerics played such a leading role in this mass revolution does not negate its character as an anti-colonial social upheaval that rightfully restored control over oil and gas reserves to the Iranian masses. These resources had been stolen earlier by the then Anglo-Persian Oil Company, now BP, under the shah's rule.

Provoked when the U.S. welcomed and sheltered Shah Pahlavi, Iranian students stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took 66 U.S. military and civilian personnel hostage on Nov. 4, 1979. They held 52 of them for 444 days until Jan. 20, 1981, when the revolution was consolidated. Since that time, Iran has used the oil and gas reserves on its own territory to build its technologically advanced civilian infrastructure and build a military to defend its population.

Since the victory of this revolution, the U.S. ruling class has been united behind Washington's efforts to overthrow the Iranian government, using economic sanctions, military interventions and assassinations of Iran's scientists and military leaders. This has been accompanied by outright demonization in the corporate

media, which uses inflammatory, false characterizations such as "autocratic," "terrorist" and "hardliners."

All of the U.S. violations of Iran's right to sovereignty and independence are attempts to overthrow a government that has vowed to never succumb to regime change or imperialist threats and intimidations.

The Iranian government's defiance has inspired the masses — inside Iran, throughout the West Asian region and the Global South. Other sovereign countries that have gained the ire of Iran's imperialist enemies, including China, North Korea and Russia, have politically and materially sided with Iran against imperialism, because they have also been targeted for regime change.

The growing global admiration for Iran has imperialist Western powers like the U.S., Britain and elsewhere shaking in their boots because of growing antiwar sentiments amongst their own populations who are seeing their living standards plummeting due to their monies going to arm the Nazi-like, illegal state of Israel.

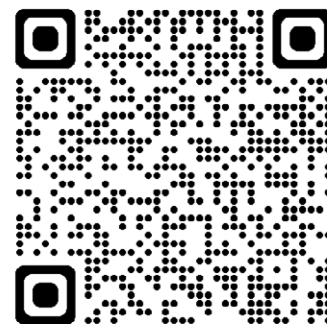
It's time for the working class in the imperialist countries to get off the sidelines and show solidarity in the streets with Iran, a nation that has a rich history of siding with the world's workers and the most oppressed. This will help weaken imperialism and bring us closer to the day when all of humanity is finally rid of this rotten, oppressive system. □

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Protest in Tehran against U.S. bombing of Iran, June 22, 2025.

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Las vidas de los negros y los inmigrantes importan

Durante el verano de 2020, Estados Unidos se vio envuelto en protestas generalizadas que sacaron a la calle a cientos de miles de personas a raíz del linchamiento público racista de George Floyd, de 46 años. La policía de Minneapolis asesinó a Floyd el 25 de mayo de ese año. Aquellas protestas, que se extendieron a otros países, no sólo pedían justicia para George Floyd y denunciaban la brutalidad policial, sino que exigían a los gobiernos locales «desfinanciar a la policía» e incluso «abolir la policía».

Un año después, el 17 de junio de 2021, el presidente Joe Biden promulgó la Ley del Día de la Independencia Nacional Juneteenth, creando un día festivo federal que se conmemoraría anualmente el 19 de junio. El Juneteenth se convirtió en un día libre remunerado para los trabajadores del sector público. Algunos trabajadores sindicalizados del sector privado, en particular los miembros de United Auto Workers en las Tres Grandes, también consiguieron que el Juneteenth fuera un día festivo pagado. Esta fue una importante concesión simbólica ganada por las protestas del año anterior.

Este año se cumplirá el 160 aniversario del Juneteenth cuando el 19 de junio de 1865 los negros esclavizados fueron liberados en Galveston, Texas - dos años y medio después de la promulgación en 1863 de la Proclamación de Emancipación firmada por el presidente Abraham Lincoln y dos meses después de la rendición de la Confederación.

Incluso antes de que Juneteenth -también conocido como «Día de la Libertad»- se convirtiera en fiesta legal, los negros celebraban este aniversario en todo Estados Unidos con marchas, mítines y toda una serie de actos sociales y culturales. Pero hasta que se aprobó la ley de 2021, los medios de comunicación burgueses apenas prestaron atención a estas celebraciones.

Pero desde que Donald Trump asumió la presidencia por segunda vez, el Juneteenth y otras conmemoraciones significativas para los oprimidos han sido objeto de ataques, ya que se habían puesto en marcha bajo el paraguas de

los programas de Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusión (DEI). Una ley federal firmada por Biden el 22 de febrero de 2023 obliga a ciertas agencias federales, como los Departamentos de Trabajo, Salud y Servicios Humanos y Educación, a crear «equipos de equidad» y «comités directivos de DEI».



La ley asigna a estas agrupaciones la tarea de promover «el trato coherente y sistemático de todas las personas de forma equitativa, justa e imparcial», especialmente de aquellas a las que «se les ha negado dicho trato», sobre todo las personas de color debido al racismo sistémico.

Desde que Donald Trump emitió una orden ejecutiva para anular las directivas de la DEI para las agencias gubernamentales, existe una gran preocupación de que la orden de Trump acabe bloqueando los programas que reconocen la festividad de Martin Luther King Jr., el Mes de la Historia Negra y el Juneteenth para los trabajadores federales, muchos de ellos afroamericanos.

Trump quiere hacer retroceder el reloj

Hoy en día, el ataque racista de Trump contra los migrantes, especialmente los de origen centroamericano, sudamericano y caribeño, ha cobrado protagonismo a escala internacional. De forma similar a lo que se hizo durante las protestas sobre Floyd, la Guardia Nacional ha sido desplegada en Los Ángeles para unirse a la policía local en el uso de la fuerza bruta, incluyendo gases lacrimógenos, porras y

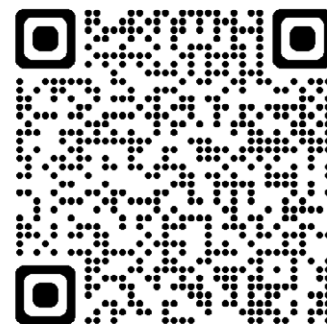
granadas de estruendo contra los migrantes y sus simpatizantes. Trump ha ordenado que cientos de marines de una base cercana se desaten contra los manifestantes, acercándose unos pasos más a la ley marcial.

Trump invocó ilegalmente la Ley de Insurrección de 1807, una ley federal que faculta al presidente para desplegar el ejército estadounidense y federalizar unidades de la Guardia Nacional en circunstancias específicas, como la supresión de desórdenes civiles, insurrección y rebelión armada. En el momento de escribir estas líneas [15 de junio de 2025], las protestas de Los Ángeles no entran en ninguna de esas categorías.

Los ataques contra los negros y los inmigrantes forman parte de la misma lucha de clases. Corresponde a toda la clase obrera multinacional, multigénero y multigeneracional unirse para salir en defensa de los sectores más oprimidos y vulnerables de nuestra clase. Han luchado largo y tendido -independientemente de quién haya ocupado la Casa Blanca- por los derechos democráticos básicos a lo largo de décadas de lucha de masas y movimientos contra un sistema capitalista depredador e impulsado por el beneficio. □

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